

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I am anxious to say something on this motion because a considerable section of the people in my constituency expect me to say something in this House on this matter. I support the motion of Mr. Nataraja Pillai. The practical suggestions which I put forward before this House are these: There is no doubt black marketing. In spite of the care that has been taken, black marketing still exists. The question is how the black market should be avoided. In the first place black market now functions in my constituency because there is

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The time for the debate having elapsed, the debate automatically terminates. But Government will not take advantage of the termination of this debate and treat it as infructuous. Government have been fully apprised of the strength of feeling that has been evinced in the course of the debate and the House feels that it must go into the matter fully and *de novo*. I would ask this Honourable House to take it from me that the Government will go into the question *de novo*, even from the point of view of considering whether having regard to all that has been said, it may not be essential for the Government in the case of yarn, to take up complete control from first to last, aided by Committees—both the Central and the Taluk Committees, and whether they should not make themselves responsible not only for getting the yarn but for distributing the yarn in the same manner as they are distributing food stuffs. From that point, the Government will investigate this question and each alternative will be examined and the Government hope to come to a decision in the course of a week or ten days.

We now resume legislative business.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS--(contd.)

THE TRAVANCORE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

LOANS BILL—(contd.)

Clause 3—(contd.)

The amendment of the Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai that in Clause 3, sub-clause (i) (v) after the word "borrowed" the words "in accordance with law" be added was put to vote and lost.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Sir, I move

"In clause 3 Sub-clause (1) add the following proviso:—"Provided that no portion of the money so borrowed shall be applied to any purpose other than that for which it was borrowed".

Clause 3 defines the purpose for which local authorities can borrow money. It enumerates five different items for which money could be borrowed. The purpose of the proviso is that money borrowed for a particular purpose should be used only for that purpose and not for any other purpose. For example, if money is borrowed for the purpose of giving relief and for maintenance of relief works in times of scarcity and if it is utilised for the repayment of money previously borrowed, that will be an undesirable state of affairs. By a statute we

should not give that kind of discretion to a local authority. There may be—I do not say that all local authorities will be irresponsible to that extent—a sudden situation for example a draught and a famine. There may also be a pressing demand to repay a previous loan. At this time of scarcity with Government sanction, the local authorities may raise a loan for giving relief and for the maintenance of relief works. It can over-estimate the need and find a balance and that balance may well be utilised for the purpose of repaying the previous pressing debt. But an opportunity for that kind of action should not be afforded by law without prescribing limits to the rights of the local authority. I think in justice, that proviso ought to be added to the present clause.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I second it.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: There is no objection to accepting that amendment. The amendment was put to vote and carried.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Sir, I move the following amendment:—In the place of clause 3 sub-clause (2) substitute the following:—

- (2) (a) The time for the repayment of any money borrowed under this Section shall in no case exceed sixty years.
- (b) The time for the repayment of any money borrowed before the commencement of this Act shall not except with the express sanction of Our Government extend beyond the period of sixty years.
- (c) The time for the repayment of any money borrowed for the purpose of discharging any previous loan shall not except with the express sanction of Our Government extend beyond the unexpired portion of the period for which such previous loan was raised".

Sir, the purpose of my amendment is that the time for the repayment of any money borrowed under this section shall in no case exceed sixty years. As amended by the Select Committee, the clause reads thus:—

"The time for repayment of any money, borrowed under this section shall in no case, exceed sixty years and the time for repayment of money borrowed before the commencement of this Act shall not, except with the express sanction of Our Government, extend beyond the period of sixty years".

By two clauses I have accepted the amended provision as altered by the Select Committee. But I add one more. That is, if we are raising a new loan for repaying an old loan and the first loan was raised for a fixed period, the period of the second loan should not extend the term of the first loan in effect. That will be charging the posterity unnecessarily. Even if the loan is repaid in the middle, the repayment of the balance should not be allowed to extend over a period

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other than that fixed at the time the loan was first raised. So I propose the amendment standing in my name for sub clause (2) of clause 3 of the Bill.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I second it.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I have no objection to accepting this amendment.

The question that clause 3, as amended, do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 3 was added to the Bill.

The question that clause 4 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 4 was added to the Bill.

The question that clause 5 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 5 was added to the Bill.

The question that clause 6 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clause 6 was added to the Bill.

The question that the Title and Preamble do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Title and Preamble were added to the Bill.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill as amended be passed.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Travancore Industrial Statistics Bill and move that the Bill be read in the Assembly. The Bill is intended to enable industrial statistics to be prepared. There is a similar statute in British India and that Act is about to be enforced there. The main object of the Bill is to empower a statistical authority to collect information regarding factories and also to ascertain the welfare of industrial labour and matters pertaining to labour. This is a very important Bill and I commend it for the acceptance of the House.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA: I welcome this Bill. It is stated in the object that "It is necessary to co-operate with the Government of India in the matter of such All India importance by taking parallel action as early as possible." Even otherwise I think it would be very useful to us. I say so because within the last one decade we have launched out very many industrial schemes. Therefore we must have statistics about them. It is also good for establishing the welfare of